

dark-green foliage and darker purple, sweet-scented flowers. As it will stand 10 degrees of frost, it should thrive remarkably well in California and Florida.

Wilson Popenoe and Otón Jimenez believe they have discovered, near San Jose, Costa Rica, the wild prototype of the Guatemalan race of avocados in what is known there as the aguacate de anís (*Persea americana*; No. 50585), and they predict that it will prove valuable as a stock for the cultivated avocado.

James Birch Rorer, of Guayaquil, Ecuador, has sent in a number of interesting plants from that little-known country, among them the capulin (*Prunus serotina*; No. 50604), or wild cherry, a promising new fruit resembling the Bigarreau type of cherry, refreshing to eat out of hand, and also the naranjilla (*Solanum quitoense*; No. 50607), a solanaceous fruit sold on the markets there.

Harry Johnson has collected from around Coban, Guatemala, some interesting wild plants which should yield valuable forms for cultivation. Among them are five begonias (Nos. 50609 to 50613), a morning-glory (*Ipomoea* sp.; No. 50615) with yellow-throated pink flowers of a thick succulent texture, a tender night-blooming water lily (*Nymphaea blanda*; No. 50617), and a wild solanaceous vine (*Solanum* sp.; No. 50620).

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